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1. The 3d Mecz Kommando, also referred to as KVPD Loebau I, is stationed at the Kavallerie Kaserne on Georgewitzer Strasse in Loebau and was subordinate to KVP Bereitschaft Dresden. The organization and strength of the 3d Mecz Kommando fluctuated continuously. It consisted of a headquarters, a motor transport company, a school, an S-1 company, a D-1 company, the 1st through 3d Mecz Bn, a B-Battalion and a C-Battalion. The B and C Battalions were still in a very initial phase of organization. The few officers and NCOs assigned to this unit were temporarily attached to the headquarters of the regiment.

2. The 3d Mecz Battalion was organized as follows:

	Officers	NCOs	EM
Headquarters	6		
S-2 Platoon	1		10
Motor transport platoon	1		5
1st through 3d Rifle Companies each	5		50
4th Company (heavy machine guns)	5		20
5th Company (AT guns)	3		5
6th Company (mortars)	3		10

3. Officers assigned to the regiment included:

Lieutenant Colonel Rexin (fnu), CO, former German Army officer;

Lieutenant Colonel Oxenknecht (fnu), deputy CO and PA officer, on 20 August 1953 promoted to the rank of a lieutenant colonel;

Major Koppes (fnu) deputy CO in charge of supply;

Major Dr Eckstein (fnu), medical officer;

Captain Seibt (fnu), CO, 3d Bn.

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## 4. Motor vehicles available to the regiment included:

50 model H-3-A trucks; 4 G-5 trucks; 1 model G-5 tank truck; 4 EMW sedans; 1 model EMW P-1 command car; 1 model ZIS-150 repair shop truck; 1 model Granit-27 Phaenomen ambulance; 4 model AWO and EMW motorcycles.

## 5. About 35 percent each of the personnel belonged to the 1934 and 1935 classes, and 15 percent each belonged to the 1933 and older year classes. About 94 percent of the personnel had served up to 3 years, 5 percent from 3 to 5 years, while the remainder had served longer. About 15 percent of the personnel came from Saxony-Anhalt, 20 percent from Saxony, 5 percent each from Thuringia, Mecklenburg and Berlin, and 50 percent from Brandenburg. About 40 percent of the personnel supported the SED regime, 35 percent were indifferent and 25 percent were secret opponents of the regime. The morale of the soldiers was rather poor, because of an excessive daily round of duties. Three Soviet advisors who wore KVP uniforms were attached to the regiment.

## 6. Since about late September 1953, the S-6 Kommando of KVP Bereitschaft Dresden has also been stationed at the barracks installation in Loebau.

Comment. The figures on the strengths of the component units of the 3d Mecz Kommando are surprisingly low. [redacted] the unit involved, in November 1953, had a strength of approximately 1,500 men, and the C-Battalion of the regiment was equipped with 31 T-34 tanks. Other information indicates that the barracks installation in Loebau quartered an estimated 2,500 KVPs in October 1953. These strength figures certainly included the personnel of the mortar regiment which is also stationed at the installation. It is believed that the individual battalions of the mechanized regiment differed in their strengths during the period under review. The same was true also with regard to other mechanized KVP regiments. [redacted]

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